

CAPTAIN SHAWN M. COOK

UNITED STATES ARMY



Capt. Shawn M. Cook is a graduate of The Citadel where he received a Bachelor of Science and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 2007. After completing Engineer Basic Course, Capt. Cook was assigned as a Platoon Leader to the 1st Engineer Battalion, 555th Engineer Brigade in Fort Riley, Kansas where he trained his platoon for route clearance operations and later served as a Battle Captain in Tikrit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His follow on assignment was as a Military Advisor for Energy to the US State Department in Kirkuk, Iraq. His primary function was to work with the Iraqi Army, Air Force and Oil Police providing security recommendations on all power and oil infrastructure within United States Division- North. For his service, Capt. Cook was awarded the State Department's Meritorious Honor Medal.

In 2011, Capt. Cook graduated from the Engineer Captain's Career Course as a Distinguished Military Graduate at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. During this time he also obtained his Masters of Science in Geological Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Following Graduate School, he was assigned to V Corps in Wiesbaden, Germany. He deployed to Afghanistan as the Chief Engineer Planner in Operations for ISAF Joint Command. Shawn's responsibilities included implementation of U.S. Army Corps of Engineer force protection measures at all enduring bases, planning and execution of security improvements with the "Green Zone" and oversight of all strategic level engineer operations within country.

His most recent assignment was as the 15th Engineer Battalion Construction officer in Grafenwöhr, Germany. During this time he planned and coordinated several construction projects in support of the European theater and accompanied the 902nd on a two month long deployment to Mihail Kogălniceanu Airbase, Romania to construct a personnel transit facility.

His personal awards include: the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2), Iraq Campaign Medal (2), the State Department Meritorious Honor Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (2), the NATO Medal and the Steel Order of the de Fleury (Regimental Engineer Award). His decorations include: the Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Army Superior Unit Award and the Meritorious Unit Commendation (2).